Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows:

On page 1, lines 5-7 of the Substitute Specification, make the following changes to the section titled "**Information on Related Applications**":

Information on Related Applications

~~The present application claims the priority benefit, under 35 U.S.C. § 119, of International Application No. PCT/FR98/02634, filed December 4, 1998.~~

This application is a continuation of U.S. Application No. 10/637,011, filed August 8, 2003, which is a continuation of U.S. Application No. 09/514,245, filed February 28, 2000, which is a 35 U.S.C. § 120 continuation-in-part of International Application No. PCT/FR98/02634, filed December 4, 1998, published in a non-English language.

On page 80 of the Specification, after the last sentence but before the first word on page 81 of the Specification, enter the Sequence Listing which is attached to a separate paper filed concurrently herewith but considered part of this amendment.